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**PARADISE MAN CHARGED WITH MAKING THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO
RABBI, JEWISH MUSEUM, HOTELS AND OTHER LOCATIONS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a nine-count indictment charging SCOTT R. HUDSON, 52, of Paradise, California, with making a series of threatening phone calls between August and November of this year. HUDSON was arrested on December 20, and is currently in custody in Sacramento.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from Police Departments in New York City, Rochester, Minnesota, Riverside and Irvine California, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner, who is prosecuting the case, HUDSON is charged in the indictment with calling in bomb threats to two hotels in New York City, and with making threatening calls to a Rabbi in Long Beach, New York; a Jewish Congregation in Irvine, California; and the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. He also made threatening calls to a graduate school in Minnesota. In the calls, he is alleged to have threatened to shoot people, and to burn down or blow up various buildings. According to other documents filed in the case, HUDSON also allegedly made calls to a church in Riverside, California, in which he threatened to kill the pastor.

HUDSON was previously convicted of similar conduct. In 2001, he pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Sacramento with making a telephone call to Arizona in which he threatened to kill a player for the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team. He served a total of 34 months on that conviction.

The new charges consist of seven counts of threatening the use of fire or explosives, each of which carries a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, and two counts of threatening communications, each of which carries a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The United States Attorney's Office noted that the charges are only accusations, and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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